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Security Council

10 a.m.	6707th meeting	Security Council Chamber GA-TSC-01

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Libya

Morning[1]	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room GA-TSC-02

Libya

Other matters

3 p.m.	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room GA-TSC-02

Yemen

Cyprus

Other matters

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 6707th meeting.

General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

11 a.m.[1]	94th plenary meeting	Conference Room 4 (NLB)

1. The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict: draft resolution (A/66/L.34) [33]
2. International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [127]
   (a) Letters from the Secretary-General (A/66/620 and A/66/625)
   (b) Letter from the President of the Security Council (A/66/660)
   (c) Draft decision (A/66/L.35)

[1]Immediately following the adjournment of the briefing by the Secretary-General (see page 2).

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General Assembly
Sixty-sixth session

There will be an informal meeting of the plenary (closed) *today*, 25 January 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB), to hear a briefing by the Secretary-General on his vision and priorities for his second term in office. Member States are invited to attend at the ambassadorial level.

General Assembly
Sixty-sixth session

An informal meeting of the plenary (closed) on the intergovernmental negotiations on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Council, will take place on Thursday, 26 January 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB). A letter from the Chair, dated 10 January 2012, was sent to all permanent representatives. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are invited to contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail heddachem@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063).

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/66/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org, so as to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

Further information may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-2332 or 1 (917) 367-5895; or by e-mailing at gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org.

General Assembly

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development

10 a.m. Special meeting[1] Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB)[2]

Election of a Vice-Chair

[1]To be followed by informal initial discussions on the zero draft of the outcome document (see announcement below).
[2]Conference Room 3 (NLB) will serve as an overflow room.

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10 (NLB)

1. Closed peacekeeping operations
2. United Nations Office for Partnerships (UNOP)

General Assembly

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development

The Preparatory Committee will begin its initial discussions on the zero draft of the outcome document *today*, 25 January 2012, following the adjournment of the special meeting in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The discussions will continue until Friday, 27 January. Conference Room 3 (NLB) will serve as an overflow room. As these discussions are informal, no formal list of speakers will be maintained or opened for pre-inscription.

The zero draft of the outcome document and the schedule of subsequent consultations are available on the Rio+20 Web site <www.uncsd2012.org/rio20/>. Delegations are also advised that a password-protected Rio+20 e-discussion forum has been created to enable an exchange on the zero draft of the outcome document of the Conference. Delegations wishing to subscribe to the e-discussion forum are requested to contact the UNCSD secretariat (e-mail uncsd2012@un.org).

Economic and Social Council

Commission for Social Development

Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution under item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda (Priority theme: poverty eradication), convened by the Permanent Mission of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, *today*, 25 January 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB).

There will be informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution under item 3 (b) (i) of the provisional agenda (World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons), convened by the Permanent Mission of the Philippines, *today*, 25 January 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 25 January 2012

African Group (Second Committee experts) (on Rio+20)

9–10 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6 (NLB)

Group of 77 (on the Commission on Social Development)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B (NLB)

Other activities

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Wednesday, 25 January 2012

Special follow-up event on "The trade dimension of Rio+20: Unpacking the issues" (co-organized by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the Economic Commission for Latin American and the Caribbean (ECLAC))

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

[The event is open to all permanent missions and permanent observer missions. For further information, please visit <www.unctad.org/greeneconomy>; or contact Mr. Wei Liu (e-mail liuw@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3212).]

Special events on the occasion of the International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust (27 January)

Commemorative conference to mark the seventieth anniversary of the Babyn Yar tragedy in Ukraine (organized by the Permanent Mission of Ukraine)

From 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of Ukraine (e-mail uno_us@mfa.gov.ua; tel. 1 (212) 759-7003).]

Film screening of "The Last Flight of Petr Ginz" and panel discussion (organized by the Holocaust and the United Nations Outreach Programme, Outreach Division, Department of Public Information)

From 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. To register for the event, please *click here*. For further information, please contact Ms. Paula Green, Outreach Division (e-mail greenp@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3868).]

Panel discussion on "Green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication: Exploring national experiences" (co-organized by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands)

From 6.15 to 8.15 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. George Bouma, UNDP (e-mail george.bouma@undp.org); or Mr. Jim Sniffen, UNEP (e-mail sniffenj@un.org).]

Special event on "Age of connectivity: Cities, magnet of hope" (organized by the International Council for Caring Communities (ICCC) and sponsored by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat))

From 7 to 8.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the UN-Habitat New York Office (e-mail HabitatNY@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4200).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Wednesday, 25 January 2012

Second floor stakeout (NLB)

9.45 a.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General; with leaders of the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot Communities

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

12 noon . . . . . H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

Programme of work

Since the issuance of the revised programme of work and schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly (A/INF/66/3/Rev.1), the following changes have been made:

Agenda items 12 (Global road safety crisis), 34 (Prevention of armed conflict) and its sub-item (a) (Strengthening the role of mediation in the peaceful settlement of disputes, conflict prevention and resolution), 35 (Protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and their implications for international peace, security and development) and 39 (The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan), originally scheduled for Monday, 12 December 2011, will be considered at a later date in the resumed part, to be announced.

The specific meeting focused on development, to be held under agenda item 117 (Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit), pursuant to resolution 60/265, has been postponed from Friday, 18 November 2011, to a date in the resumed part, to be announced.

Additional scheduling of items or changes in the programme of work will be announced in the *Journal* and on the Web site of the General Assembly <www.un.org/en/ga/info/meetings/66schedule.shtml>.

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

Informal briefings

The Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide informal briefings, to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, as follows:

Thursday, 26 January 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB): on gender and sexual violence in conflict;

Friday, 27 January 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB): on protection of civilians;

Tuesday, 31 January 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB): on the global field support strategy; and environment; and

Thursday, 2 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB): on helicopters; gap list; and expanding the base of troop-contributing countries.

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty
Fourth session

The fourth session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty will be held from Monday, 13, to Friday, 17 February 2012, in Conference Room 4 (NLB). The provisional agenda is contained in document A/CONF.217/PC.IV/L.1.

Participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary, Mr. Sergei Cherniavsky (e-mail cherniavsky@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Lists of delegations can also be delivered to the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch (IN-611) and during the session to room NL-1033D.

Web site

Official documents, background information and other materials on the ATT process can be found at <www.un.org/disarmament/convarms/ATTPrepCom/index.htm>. For inquiries concerning the Web site, please contact the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (e-mail conventionalarms-unoda@un.org).

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
2012 substantive session

The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations will hold its 2012 substantive session from Tuesday, 21 February, to Friday, 16 March. The opening meeting will take place on Tuesday, 21 February, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 51/136, "those Member States which become personnel contributors to United Nations peacekeeping operations in years to come or participate in the future in the Special Committee for three consecutive years as observers shall, upon request in writing to the Chair of the Committee, become members at the following session of the Committee". Member States wishing to submit such a request should address the request in advance of the session to the Chair of the Special Committee, H.E. Mrs. U. Joy Ogwu (Permanent Mission of Nigeria (fax 1 (212) 697-1970)) and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the Secretariat (e-mail herity@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Member States not members of the Special Committee and organizations/entities with observer status in the General Assembly that are interested in sending observers to this session of the Special Committee should send a request to the Chair of the Special Committee, H.E. Mrs. U. Joy Ogwu (Permanent Mission of Nigeria (fax 1 (212) 697-1970)) and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the secretariat (e-mail to herity@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Pre-session documents

The provisional agenda of the session is contained in document A/AC.121/2012/L.1. The report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Special Committee has been issued in documents A/66/619 and A/66/619/Add.1 and has been posted on the Web site of the Special Committee <https://www.c34.unlb.org>. Other documents of the session will also be posted on the site.

List of participants

Members and observers of the Special Committee that will attend the session and wish to be included on the list of participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Special Committee, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail herity@un.org; room IN-613C, fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

List of speakers

The opening of the list of speakers for the general debate (21–22 February) will be announced in due course. In light of the limited time available, in accordance with past practice, delegations are encouraged to limit their statements to *10 minutes* when speaking in their national capacity and to *20 minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group of countries. In order to facilitate interpretation, delegations are kindly requested to provide at least 30 copies of statements to the secretariat. Delegations wishing to have their statements distributed in the conference room should provide an additional 200 copies.

Web site

Background information on the Special Committee is available and accessible to Committee Members and observers on the Web site of the Committee <https://www.c34.unlb.org>. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords or inclusion in the Committee mailing list, kindly contact Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org).

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

Executive Board

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, WFP and UN-Women will take place on Monday, 30, and Tuesday, 31 January 2012, in Conference Room 4 (NLB). All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission

Sixth session

Organizational Committee

An informal meeting (closed) of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held on Thursday, 26 January 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB). A formal meeting will be held immediately following the adjournment of the informal meeting.

Economic and Social Council

Briefing

The Economic and Social Council will hold a special briefing followed by an interactive discussion on the current economic and financial situation, on Tuesday, 7 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The special briefing will be chaired by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia). Keynote speakers are Professor Peter Diamond, Professor of Economics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and 2010 Nobel Economics Laureate; Professor Carmen Reinhart, Senior Fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics; and Professor Jagdish Bhagwati at Columbia University and Senior Fellow in international economics at the Council on Foreign Relations. The interactive discussion will be moderated by Mr. Robert Vos, Director of the Development Policy and Analysis Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Makiko Tagashira (e-mail tagashira@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4836).

Commission for Social Development

Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution under item 3 (b) (i) of the provisional agenda (World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons), convened by the Permanent Mission of the Philippines, on Friday, 27 January 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., in a conference room to be announced.

There will be informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution under item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda (Priority theme: poverty eradication), convened by the Permanent Mission of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, on Friday, 27 January 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D (NLB).

Fiftieth session

The fiftieth session of the Commission for Social Development will be held from Wednesday, 1, to Friday, 10 February 2012. The opening meeting will take place on Wednesday, 1 February, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda and the proposed organization of work are contained in document E/CN.5/2012/1. Further information on the fiftieth and previous sessions of the Commission is available at the following address: <http://social.un.org/index/CommissionforSocialDevelopment/Sessions/2012.aspx>.

Participation and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to participate, are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Radhika Padayachi, of the composition of their delegations (e-mail padayachi39@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Due to the limited number of seats available for observers (including Member States that are not members of the Commission) in Conference Room 4 (NLB), only observers who will communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat, by *Friday, 27 January 2012*, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 4 (NLB). All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

General discussion and list of speakers

General discussion under agenda item 3 (a) (Priority theme: poverty eradication) will begin on Wednesday, 1 February 2012, following the opening of the session. For further details, please consult the programme of work in Annex I to document E/CN.5/2012/1.

The list of speakers is open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list should inform Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that according to past practice, statements made by individual Member States should not exceed *seven minutes*, statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*, and statements made by observers should not exceed *five minutes*.

Delegates are requested to bring 250 copies of statements for general distribution or at least 30 copies for distribution to conference services. Delegates are also requested to provide an electronic version of their statement to lamrabat@un.org, so that statements could be made available on the Web site of the Commission.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

Comprehensive information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission can be found at the following address: <http://social.un.org/index/CivilSociety/NGOParticipation/CSocD50Session.aspx>.

List of side events

To consult the list of side events on the occasion of the fiftieth session of the Commission, please *click here*.

Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-sixth session

The fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women will be held from Monday, 27 February, to Friday, 9 March 2012. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 27 February, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall. The provisional annotated agenda and proposed organization of work for the session are contained in documents E/CN.6/2012/1 and E/CN.6/2012/1/Add.1, respectively.

Additional information on the work of the Commission, including on the participation of non-governmental organizations and the list of parallel events, can be found on the following Web site: <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/56sess.htm>.

List of participants and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission and observers who wish to attend the session and be included on the list of participants, are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Mr. Otto Gustafik (c/o Mr. Jose Rene Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org; room IN-0603C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Due to the *limited seating available* in Conference Room 4 (NLB), where the Commission will be meeting from Tuesday, 28 February, only those observers (including Member States that are not members of the Commission) who will inform the Secretary of the Commission of the composition of their delegations, *by 3 p.m. on Thursday, 23 February 2012,* will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 4 (NLB). All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

High-level round table

The Commission will hold a high-level round table on the priority theme "The empowerment of rural women and their role in poverty and hunger eradication, development and current challenges", on Monday, 27 February 2012, at 3 p.m., in two parallel meetings. Delegations are kindly requested to communicate the name of the senior official expected to participate in the high-level round table to the Secretary of the Commission (c/o Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail leonc@un.org; room IN-0603B; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

List of speakers and general discussion

The list of speakers will be opened on Monday, 6 February 2012. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list should inform Ms. Catalina de Leon accordingly (e-mail leonc@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). The name and functional title of the speakers would be appreciated.

The general discussion under agenda item 3 (Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century") will begin on Monday, 27 February 2012, in the morning, following the ceremonial and organizational part and keynote presentations, and will continue on Tuesday, 28 February, in the afternoon, and on Wednesday, 29 February, in the morning (for more details, please consult the organization of work in document E/CN.6/2012/1/Add.1).

Delegations are reminded that, according to past practice, statements made by individual delegations should not exceed *five minutes*; statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*.

In order to facilitate interpretation into all official languages, delegations are requested to bring 250 copies of statements for general distribution or at least 30 copies for distribution to conference services.

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
2012 regular session

The 2012 regular session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will be held from Monday, 30 January, to Wednesday, 8 February 2012, in Conference Room 1 (NLB). The annotated provisional agenda will be issued as document E/C.2/2012/1.

Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session, are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations in a note verbale to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Sergei Cherniavsky (e-mail leong@un.org (room IN-606A); and ais@un.org (room IN-609)). Please note that only scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Background information on the Committee, its procedures, forms and documentation, are available on the Web site of the NGO Section, Department of Economic and Social Affairs <www.un.org/ecosoc/ngo/>.

Members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to use the online Paperless Committee System, where detailed information about upcoming applications can be found, as well as applications from previous sessions.

Delegations and participants attending the session are encouraged to carry their laptops and tablet devices to avail themselves of ePublish and print-on-demand services through the Integrated Sustainable PaperSmart Services (ISPS) Secretariat.

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

First regular session 2012

The 2012 first regular session of the Executive Board of UNICEF will take place from Tuesday, 7, to Friday, 10 February 2012, in Conference Room 3 (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2012/1. The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, WFP and UN-Women will take place on Monday, 30, and Tuesday, 31 January 2012, in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

The 2012 first regular session will be preceded by an informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board on Friday, 27 January 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB). The following agenda items will be introduced: item 4 (Annual report to the Economic and Social Council (E/ICEF/2012/4)); and item 5 (Road map towards the medium-term strategic plan for 2014-2017 (E/ICEF/2012/5)).

Advance documentation for the session is available on the following Web site: <www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_59924.html>. Member States, as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session, are requested to send their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (e-mail jpiccolominigeary@unicef.org; fax 1 (212) 326-7096), as early as possible, but no later than *Friday, 27 January 2012*.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services

First regular session 2012

The first regular session 2012 of the Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS will be held from Wednesday, 1, to Friday, 3 February 2012, in Conference Room 3 (NLB). The provisional agenda, list of documents and work plan for the session are contained in document DP/2012/L.1.

Member States, as well as observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials to the secretariat of the Executive Board (marcela.romero@undp.org), as early as possible, but no later than *Friday, 27 January 2012*.

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, WFP and UN-Women will take place on Monday, 30, and Tuesday, 31 January 2012, in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/66/251 and A/66/252.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Report of the International Criminal Court" (under agenda item 75) (with the States parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Japan)

Thursday, 26 January 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

Forthcoming other meetings

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African Group (Second Committee experts) (on Rio+20)

Thursday, 26 January 2012, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB); and

Friday, 27 January 2012, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

Informal open-ended consultations with Member States by the Chair-Designate of the upcoming Preparatory Committee for the 2012 United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects

Thursday, 26 January 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Eastern European Group (monthly meeting) (at the expert level)

Friday, 27 January 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Latin American and Caribbean Group (monthly meeting)

Friday, 27 January 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations

Friday, 27 January 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau (at the ambassadorial level)

Wednesday, 1 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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Briefing on "The main outcomes of the work of the Secretary-General's High-level Panel on Global Sustainability (GSP)" (by the GSP Executive Secretary (following the Panel's final meeting held on 11 and 12 January 2012)) (organized by the secretariat of the High-level Panel on Global Sustainability)

Thursday, 26 January 2012, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

[The briefing is open to all permanent missions and permanent observer missions. For further information, please contact Ms. Jin Zhang, GSP secretariat (e-mail zhang39@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-8531).]

Briefing on "An independent partnership for the monitoring of the outcome of the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries" (organized by the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (OHRLLS), in cooperation with LDC IV Monitor)

Thursday, 26 January 2012, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

[The briefing is open to all permanent missions and permanent observer missions. For further information, please contact Ms. Susanna Wolf, OHRLLS (e-mail wolf1@un.org).]

Special events on the occasion of the International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust (27 January)

DPI/NGO briefing on "Untold stories: How Bulgarian Jews *survived the Holocaust*"

Thursday, 26 January 2012, from 10.15 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

[The briefing is not open to the public. For further information, please contact Ms. Gail Bindley-Taylor, DPI (e-mail sainte@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9380).]

Opening of the exhibits "A Monument of Good Deeds: Dreams and Hopes of Children During the Holocaust" and "The Holocaust — Keeping the Memory Alive" (organized by the Holocaust and the United Nations Outreach Programme, Outreach Division, Department of Public Information)

Thursday, 26 January 2012, at 6 p.m., in the Visitors' Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Paula Green, Outreach Division (e-mail greenp@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3868).]

Memorial ceremony on the theme "Children and the Holocaust" (organized by the Holocaust and the United Nations Outreach Programme, Outreach Division, Department of Public Information)

Friday, 27 January 2012, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall.

[All are invited to attend. To register for the event, please *click here*. For further information, please contact Ms. Paula Green, Outreach Division (e-mail greenp@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3868).]

Panel discussion on "Sharing lessons and best practices on sustainability initiatives" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Chile and the United Kingdom, and Greening the Blue)

Thursday, 26 January 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

[The panel is open to members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions, United Nations staff and representatives of accredited non-governmental organizations. For more information, please contact Mr. Sergio Toro, Permanent Mission of Chile (e-mail storo@minrel.gov.cl); or Ms. Julie MacKenzie, Department of Management (e-mail mackenzie1@un.org).]

UNITAR Workshop on "Funding for United Nations operational activities for development: Key trends and issues" (organized in collaboration with the Permanent Mission of Switzerland, as part of the UNITAR Series on the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review (QCPR))

Wednesday, 1 February 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB).

[The Workshop is open to all permanent missions and permanent observer missions. To register, please visit <www.unitar.org/event/ny/>. For further information, please contact Mr. Felix Haass, UNITAR (e-mail felix.haass@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021).]

Briefing for Member States on "The revised modalities of the universal periodic review (Human Rights Council)" (organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights)

Wednesday, 8 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[The briefing is open to all permanent missions. For further information, please contact Ms. Laila Bourhil, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in New York (e-mail bourhil@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0646 or 1 (917) 767-4440).]

UNITAR Workshop on "Key issues for negotiating the arms trade treaty"

Friday, 10 February 2012, from 9.45 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 1.30 to 6 p.m., at the Office of the Permanent Observer of the African Union to the United Nations.

[All are invited to attend. To register, please visit <www.unitar.org/event/ny/>. For further information, please contact Mr. Felix Haass, UNITAR (e-mail felix.haass@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021).]

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions in Room DC2-1142, in English, on the dates indicated below. All interested are kindly requested to register by e-mail (librarytraining@un.org) or by telephone (1 (212) 963-5321).

Introduction to United Nations documentation (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 26 January 2012; and

Thursday, 2 February 2012.

Official Document System (ODS) (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Monday, 30 January 2012; and

Tuesday, 7 February 2012.

Foreign law research (from 3 to 5 p.m.)

Thursday, 2 February 2012.

Security Council documentation (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 9 February 2012;

Thursday, 23 February 2012; and

Wednesday, 22 February 2012 (*in Spanish*).

Introduction to the Map Collection (from 3 to 4.30 p.m.)

Tuesday, 21 February 2012; and.

Thursday, 23 February 2012.

New resources for the United Nations community (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Tuesday, 28 February 2012.

Friends of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS) for the commemoration of the thirtieth anniversary of the opening for signature of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)

The Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, will hold a second closed meeting to discuss preparations for the commemoration of the thirtieth anniversary of the opening for signature of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, on Thursday, 2 February 2012, from 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. in the DOALOS Conference Room (DC2 Building, 4th Floor). All interested representatives of permanent missions to the United Nations are invited to attend.

United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, 2012

Applications for the 2012 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, scheduled to be held at the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands, from Monday, 9 July, to Friday, 17 August 2012, are now being accepted. The deadline for applications is *Friday, 10 February 2012*.

The Fellowship Programme will be conducted in French this year. For further information, including application forms, please consult the International Law Fellowship Programme Web site <www.un.org/law/ilfp>; or contact the Codification Division (e-mail ilfp@un.org).

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

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The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

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Summary of official meetings

Tuesday, 24 January 2012

Security Council

6706th meeting

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Australia, Bangladesh, Brazil, Cuba, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Egypt, Iceland, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Israel, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Malaysia, Norway, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia and Turkey, at their request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to a letter dated 23 January 2012 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations (S/2012/56), in which he requested to be invited to participate in the meeting in accordance with the Council's previous practice. In accordance with the provisional rules of procedure and the previous practice in this regard, the President, with the consent of the Council, invited the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations to participate in the discussion.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Oscar Fernández-Taranco, Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to H.E. Mr. Thomas Mayr-Harting, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to H.E. Mr. Abdou Diallo, Chair of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. Oscar Fernández-Taranco.

The Council heard a statement by the Permanent Observer of Palestine.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of Israel.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, India, Togo, Colombia, Morocco, the United Kingdom, Germany, Portugal, Pakistan, the Russian Federation, China, Guatemala and Azerbaijan, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the Deputy Minister of International Relations and Cooperation of South Africa.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Egypt (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Lebanon and Brazil.

The meeting was suspended.

Upon resumption, the President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Bahrain, Benin and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, at their request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Malaysia, Australia and Japan.

The Council heard a statement by H.E. Mr. Thomas Mayr-Harting, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations (on behalf of the European Union; the acceding country Croatia; the candidate countries The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Montenegro; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia; and the EFTA country Liechtenstein, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova, which aligned themselves with this statement).

The Council heard a statement by the representative of Turkey.

The Council heard a statement by H.E. Mr. Abdou Diallo, Chair of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Indonesia, Jordan, Bangladesh, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Sri Lanka, Iceland, Tunisia, the Syrian Arab Republic, Cuba, Kazakhstan (on behalf of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation Group in New York), the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Norway, Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Libya, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Benin (who made a statement on behalf of the African Group, as well as a statement in his national capacity) and Bahrain.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York, 10 December 1984

Ratification: Dominican Republic (24 January 2012)[1]

Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Criminal Court. New York, 9 September 2002

Accession: Bosnia and Herzegovina (24 January 2012)[1]

Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Seabed Authority. Kingston, 27 March 1998

Accession: France (23 January 2012)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

General information

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *January 2012* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
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H.E. Mr. Hussein Haniff

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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism
<www.un.org/en/sc/ctc/>

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Documents issued at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 24 January 2012

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